

# BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1915

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Christ Our Royal Master, Leads Against the Foe, Forward Into Battle, See His Banners Go—Kaiser, King and Emperor All Declare 'Tis So

## LOW PRICED ADVERTISING

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—Cheap, a wall tent, 1924 with fly. Address Joe, Cote, Old Bennington, Telephone 211-W.

**FOR SALE**—The Worthington homestead in North Bennington, Vt., consisting of 2 story house, porch across entire front and part of each side, hot air furnace, Kewanee water system, bath room and septic tank plant. Large, roomy barn, suitable for garage, cement walks, nice lawn, gravel driveway, also garden. Lot has frontage of over 100 feet. An ideal place for anyone desiring a home with all modern improvements. Will be sold reasonable. Also one 2 seated capacity top survey in good condition; one top buggy and set of harness in first-class condition. Inquire of R. A. Jones, First National Bank, or of Mrs. W. H. Worthington, on premises, North Bennington, Vt.

**FOR SALE**—Fifty horses just arrived: 8 pair draft horses, all colors, 2000 to 2600 lbs. lot of farm teams, 2000 to 2600, and a lot of nice family, business and draft horses, 1000 to 1700. All fancy first class and prices right. Next lot in two weeks. All horses warranted as represented. Guilford & Wood Horse Co., P. J. Wood, Prop., Shelburne Falls, Mass. 6814

**FOR SALE**—Eggs for setting. Fishel strain White Wyandottes. Eggs from best set \$1.50 per 15; 50 for \$7.50. Utility stock, splendid layers, 75c per 15; 50 for \$7.50; 100 for \$14.00. 80 percent fertility guaranteed. W. C. Cushman, North Bennington, Vt. Phone 168-5. 6625

**FOR SALE**—McCormick mowing machine, plow, tools, wire strainer, also heavy chairs. Inquire Eliza Kirkwood, North Bennington, Vt. 6726

**FOR SALE**—Two story tenement house with lawn, lots of shade, and a large garden. Situated just south of the depot grounds. Will be sold at a bargain. Inquire of R. A. Jones, First National Bank, North Bennington, Vt. 5347

**FOR SALE**—Several driving horses: single and double carriages, new and slightly used, second hand light harness. Inquire H. M. Tuttle Co., Bennington, Vt. 5217

**FOR SALE**—The large brick dwelling on Pleasant St. in the village of Bennington, formerly occupied by the late Anna C. Park. This house has spacious grounds and contains fourteen large rooms, besides parlor, bath room, large wood shed and four roomed cellar. It is built with all modern improvements. This place, which is one of the most desirable in Bennington, will be sold at a very reasonable price. Apply to H. H. Webster, R. R. Healy or Edward J. Hall, Bennington. 4517

**FOR SALE**—Desirable Property. The former St. Francis de Sales Rectory, in the exclusive Summer Colony, near the historic battle monument, Bennington. 30 miles from Troy, N. Y. 1000 acres, with 1 and 1/2 miles of frontage on the Mt. Anthony Country Club. A two-story house, with 1 and 1/2 miles of frontage. Ten rooms, two baths, steam heat, city water, electric light, large basement with cement floor. Charming for domestic, about 6 acres of land. Bath, garage, well, orchard, shade trees and shrubbery. House well back from St. St. South-east exposure. Good view. Good air. Rare opportunity for the right parties. Apply to Rev. Thomas R. Curry, 207 Main St. 4713

**FOR SALE**—One pair well matched bay horses, age 5 and 6 years old, weight 2000 lbs. gentle, kind, work well single or double. Inquire at 411 St. St., Bennington, Vt. 4725

**FOR SALE**—A C. La Mare has made some changes in his future plans, therefore he will offer for sale his home, a 10 roomed house on northeast corner of lot. Unless sold quickly, bargain and other house will again be for rent. 1124

**FOR SALE**—Three bushels of yellow light rowed seed corn. Inquire of J. M. Barter, Greenfield St., North Bennington, Vt. 4725

**FOR SALE**—Fifty horses. We just arrived with 30 as good as new. We ship the best horses of any dealer in the state. Have 10 pair 2000 to 2600 lbs. weight, 1000 to 1700 lbs. weight, single and double, a few good seconds. We have a load every 10 days and you can find just what you want. Call on Fred Williams, 3 Division Place, Bennington, Vt. 4025

**FOR SALE**—Horses. Having finished my logging operation, I have a fine lot of good horses for sale. All good workers, kind and true. Will sell double or single to suit customers. Also two good teams of 1000 lbs. weight, gentle and are beautiful. If you want horses come and see them or telephone 18-31. Dexter M. Gleason, Woodford. 4317

**FOR SALE**—Start a business of your own. Baker's outfit contains one No. 1 portable oven, will bake over 100 loaves. Doughnut stove; 1 mixing truck; 1 moulding bench; 2 sets of scales; 3 bread cranks; 1 desk and 2 chairs; 1 raising boards, and a complete set of tools; and also a good baker's wagon in good condition. Will sell at a bargain. Call on Fred Williams, 3 Division Place, Bennington, Vt. 4025

**FOR SALE**—Kentstun of White Leghorn eggs for setting, 15 for \$1.00. Choice pens, mated to unrelated males. J. H. Livingston, 221 Main St., Bennington. 4717

**FOR SALE**—Lot 19, 1/2 x 180 ft. on corner West Main and Horton Ave. Inquire 42 W. Donnelly. Tel. 262-W. 4125

**FOR SALE**—Chicken Coop line, 2 miles from No. Bennington on Cap line. Inquire E. A. Hathaway, Wallingboro, N. Y. 34-25

**FOR SALE**—One 1913 Ford Touring car in good order, equipped with shock absorbers, electric lights, horn, radiator, magneto, E. W. Williams, Bennington Garage. 1007

**FOR SALE**—Eggs for setting. R. C. White Wyandottes. One straight, R. C. pen, 1 egg \$1.00. Utility stock, 75c per 15; 50 for \$7.50; 100 for \$14.00. 80 percent fertility guaranteed. W. C. Cushman, North Bennington, Vt. 1617

**FOR SALE**—Twenty tons of baled hay at \$20 a ton. W. R. White, North Bennington. 1417

**FOR SALE**—Good, rugged, growthy type of pigs, two months old, \$4.50 each. Woman now ship into Vermont. New England Live Stock Co., Peabody, Mass. 35129

**FOR SALE**—1915 Maxwell touring car, demountable; 1914 Maxwell touring car and roadster; 1913 latest style Ford. W. M. Marshall, North Bennington. 1007

**FOR SALE**—Twelve tons of hay, also for rent, part or all of 50 acres. Five minutes walk from car line. Call or inquire at Evans News Agency. 5967

### TO RENT

**TO RENT**—House with modern improvements on Silver St. also large garden. Inquire 511 South St. Misses H. Mason. 6017

**TO RENT**—Double or single furnished rooms with electric lights and bath. Apply at noon or in the evening to Mrs. S. H. Harkins, 208 North St. or Mrs. E. B. Harkins, 208 South St. 4215

**TO RENT**—The apartment occupied by D. J. Livingston at 112 Pleasant St. after May 1. Apply 112 Pleasant St. 4817

**TO RENT**—Several desirable tenements on Hillside, School, Safford, Silver and County streets. Also stores on Gage Street, corner of North and River streets. Estate of Wm. E. Hawks, Inc., 205 North St. or Mrs. E. B. Harkins, 208 South St. 4215

**TO RENT**—Fully equipped machine shop connected with Ideal Tour Garage, suite of offices over Woodworth store, 49 Main St. Several desirable tenements centrally located. Geo. M. Hawks, 405 Main St. 3817

## BETWEEN 40 AND 60 LIVES LOST NEAR AUSTIN, TEXAS

Complete Returns Will Increase Number of Flood Victims

PROPERTY DAMAGE, \$500,000

Water and Wind Have Created Large Amount of Damage in Texas and Oklahoma.

Dallas, Tex., April 23.—Tales of disaster from cyclone and flood-swept Texas and Oklahoma continue to be received today. The loss of life is as yet unknown, but is sure to be found to be heavy when detailed accounts have been received.

The worst flood was in the vicinity of Austin where the known death toll is between 40 and 60 and where property valued at half a million has been destroyed.

## Positive Relief

from the suffering caused by disordered conditions of the organs of digestion and elimination—Beecham's Pills

Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

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## WANTED

**WANTED**—Cattle and horses to pasture. Mark Tudor, Robinson Farms. 6016

**WANTED**—A few washings to do at home. Will go out painting, cleaning, kalsomining, etc. Mrs. C. A. Hannigan, P. O. Box 10, North Bennington, Vt. 4725

**WANTED**—Pupil nurses at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Dr. Arthur V. Jones, Supr., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass. 1017

**WANTED**—Strong, willing young woman to work in dry cleaning plant. Experience unnecessary. Good chance for advancement. O'Brien, the Cleaner, 10 Depot St. 3817

**WANTED**—Cattle to pasture. Apply to W. J. Coulier, Shaftsbury, Vt. 5227

**WANTED**—A half acre of land or more within one mile of post office. Quote price and particulars to R. H. L. care Banner office. 3609

**WANTED**—Teachers wanted—Grammar grade teacher wanted today. Normal training class certificate. Also teacher to small rural school, ten pupils. Vermont school good salaries. Hathaway's Teachers' Agency. 3817

## MISCELLANEOUS

**CLAIRVOYANT**—At 22 Pleasant street, afternoon and evening. Would like house work to do by the hour mornings. 3817

## LOST

**LOST**—Either on street or at the open house at the time of the community festival, a lunch cloth, Mexican drawn work. Reward if returned to Banner office. 3817

## Whitney Theatre

## TO-DAY

## PICTURES

## King Baggot

## IN

## The Five Pound Note

## Imp Drama—2 reels

## The Story the Clock

## Told

## Imp. Drama

## The Pinch

## Laemmle Drama

## TOMORROW

## Pauline Bush

## IN

## Outside The Gates

## THE CHAUTAQUA

Dr. A. E. Turner Will Be Supt. of Series This Year.

The following letter relative to this year's Chautauqua at Bennington received by Philip T. H. Pierson is self explanatory.

"My dear Mr. Pierson:

It is good to have your cordial letter. Replying let me say that the Superintendent for the Bennington Chautauqua will be Dr. A. E. Turner, one of the most popular of our staff. He was at Brandon last year, where your friends will be glad to give you an account of him. Dr. Turner, until his coming to us three years ago, was president of Hastings College in Nebraska. He is a cultivated gentleman, a fluent and interesting talker, and a most effective manager. He was manager of the Hastings, Nebraska Chautauqua, where I knew him when I lectured there a dozen times. When I organized this work in the east, I invited Dr. Turner to join me, which he did. From the beginning of our work he has been Associate Director with me. No better superintendent is to be had, and I am especially pleased to be able to arrange for him to come to Bennington. He will make good after your unfortunate experience of last year. Besides Dr. Turner, your lecturer, will be Father D. J. Cronin, Paul M. Pierson, Dr. Thomas E. Green (ask your Brattleboro friends about his big success there) and former Governor James W. Folk. Command me for what I can do.

Sincerely,  
Paul M. Pierson."

Dated, April 20th, 1915.

## SCHOOL POULTRY CLUB

Youngsters in the Grammar School Had a Program.

The annual monthly meeting of the Bennington Grammar school poultry club was held Thursday afternoon at the grammar school hall.

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The following program was carried out:

Music (Unfold Ye Portals)  
"Setting a Hen" Albert Center  
"Running an Incubator" Lafayette Lyons  
Music (Oh, Italia Donzetti)  
"A Home Made Brooder" Carleton Carpenter  
Supt. Albert W. Varney

## CHARGED WITH ARSON

Arthur Barton of Shaftsbury Arrested Thursday Afternoon

Deputy Sheriff Perry B. Gardner went to Shaftsbury Thursday afternoon and arrested Arthur Barton on the charge of burning a small house near the Myron Barton place. The house was occupied by Barton who lived alone for some time. He denied that he was responsible for the fire which he said caught from a chimney.

Barton is a somewhat eccentric character. He has been a member of the regular army and in April, 1905, was committed to the Brattleboro reformatory.

## JEWES ARE STARVING

In Poland They Suffer Worse Than Others

London, April 22.—Seven million Poles, of whom 2,000,000 are Jews, are in dire need of food. This statement was made today by Hermann Landau, a prominent Jewish philanthropist associated with various Jewish charities in London.

"Of these sufferers 5,500,000 are east of the Vistula river and 1,500,000 west of the river," Mr. Landau said. "The Jews are even poorer than the Gentiles, because of the boycott against the Jews in parts of Poland before the beginning of the war, which impoverished thousands who would otherwise been able to provide for their families."

"Political and religious prejudice against the Jews also renders their condition worse than that of the Catholics. In parts of Poland evacuated by the Germans many Jews are living on potato peels and cabbage left by the army. The Catholic population has been able to flee beyond Warsaw in much larger number than the Jews."

## FRENCH SOCIETY DECIMATED

"Tout Paris" Records 1,500 Parisians as Slain in Battle.

Paris, April 22.—"Tout Paris," the social register of the French capital, just issued, contains the names of about 1,500 Parisians killed on the battlefield up to Feb. 25, 1915. Included in this number are the names of 20 Generals, 367 other officers, 14 priests, and 193 titled members of the aristocracy.

The register also gives in a separate list the names of 200 persons who figured in the "Tout Paris" of last year who are now classed as "undesirable." This list includes Austrians, and Turks.

## A Hard Cold

due to a sudden change in the weather, exposure, or any cause, if neglected, may lead to serious lung troubles. Keep Down's Ellixir in the medicine cupboard, and take before the cold develops into pneumonia, or consumption becomes seated. Sold everywhere.

## ITALY WILL KEEP OUT BUT TAKING NO CHANCES

Negotiations With Austria Still in Progress

CRITICISM OF INTERVIEW

Senator Dandrea Talked Too Soon of His Conference With Prince Von Buelow.

Rome, April 22.—Negotiations between Italy and Austria are still proceeding, but nevertheless the Italian government is taking all precautions for defense. There was a meeting of the cabinet this morning and this afternoon a conference lasting three hours took place between Premier Salandra, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Minister of War Zupelli. The conference was regarded as of the highest importance.

Former Premier Giolitti said today he did not consider the negotiations between Italy and Austria have failed and therefore does not believe Italy's intervention in the war is imminent. Signor Giolitti is generally called a pacifist.

There is a storm of criticism over the interview with Senator Dandrea, an intimate friend of Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, printed in the Messaggero. It seems that Prince von Buelow, an intimate friend of Senator Dandrea, with a message to the premier, warning him that Germany would defend Austria in case of Italian intervention.

Premier Salandra was quoted as having said in reply that "impelled by the paramount interests of our country, we will proceed with our duty against all our antagonists."

An official statement was issued denying that the premier had made "any" concrete statement of any kind. "The senator is blamed for divulging the nature of his mission to the premier as this proved that Prince von Buelow was not on friendly terms with the Italian government."

In an interview in the Tribuna today Senator Dandrea admitted he had made efforts to avert war between Italy and Austria. He praised Prince von Buelow's friendship for Italy and emphasized his sorrow that there had been a coolness in the relations between Italy and Germany.

He did not, however, give any reasons why he had not kept his visit to the premier secret. The senator's protestations of patriotism are contradicted by the fact that autograph photographs of the Kaiser are displayed ostentatiously in his residence.

The German embassy denies the report that Prince von Buelow has sold his villa. It did not deny, however, that the Prince's horses and dogs were shipped to Berlin this morning.

## JOFFRE RETIRES 29 MORE

Generals of Division and Brigade Make Way for Younger Men.

Paris, April 22.—Twenty-nine more French Generals have been placed either on the reserve or retired lists to make way for younger and more active men. The official Journal contains the names of eleven Generals of Division and eighteen Generals of Brigade who have been relieved from active service.

## SUBMARINE SHELLS CREW

Men on Trawler Escape in a Small Boat

Aberdeen, April 22. (via London). The trawler Fischia arrived here today with the crew of the trawler Envoy and reported that the Envoy had been shelled by a German submarine last night off the east coast. The men on the Envoy left their ship in a small boat which, they say, also was shelled by the submarine. No one was injured.

The Envoy's crew drifted about in the small boats for two hours before being picked up. It has not been established whether the Envoy was sunk.

## Men and Women

Women as well as men are made miserable by kidney and bladder trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is highly recommended by thousands.

Swamp-Root stands the highest for the reason that so many people say it has proved to be just the remedy needed in thousands of even the most distressing cases.

At druggists in 50c. and \$1.00 sizes. You may receive a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post, also a pamphlet telling you about it. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents, also mention the Bennington Evening Banner.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, cloudy, probably showers tonight and Saturday. Warmer to night.

## LAWYER COULDN'T KEEP ROOSEVELT IN TRACES

Colonel Cross-Examined in Barnes Libel Suit

CAME THROUGH FEELING "BULLY"

Turned Tables on Attorney and Gave Short Lectures on Good Citizenship.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt underwent a fire of cross-examination from William Irvin in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial before Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court here today and came out of it feeling "bully." It was a mild ordeal for the Colonel, and it did not seem to affect his spirits in the least; in fact, it allowed him to get before the jury representations to the effect that he had never been dominated by a political boss and that he had gone on record many times as an exponent of what he called the "rule of righteousness" in politics.

Mr. Irvin attempted to show by various allegations, that, while the Colonel had set himself up as an exponent of honesty in government and a hater of bosses and machines, he had willingly taken nominations for office from bosses as bad as he pictured William Barnes to be; that he had tried to evade paying his taxes; that he had trampled on the State Constitution by running for governor when he was ineligible and that he had been humiliated by the machine politicians whenever it suited his purpose to do so. The Colonel freely admitted some of the allegations made, but contended that he had acted in the cause of righteousness.

The sensation of the day was the production by Mr. Barnes' counsel of a long letter which Lemuel E. Quigg wrote to Colonel Roosevelt in 1898 when the Colonel was seeking the gubernatorial nomination. The letter bared the methods by which non-independents were made by Republican bosses and showed how Thomas C. Platt, the "easy boss," held the Republican machine of the state in his hand. It also let new light in upon the fight by the then Governor Black to get the gubernatorial election for himself, but was prevented by Platt.

Mr. Irvin apparently hoped to take the Roosevelt forces off their feet with the letter, as it seemed to show that the Colonel was dicker with Quigg for the nomination and was willing to accept it from a boss greater in his time than Barnes. But John M. Bowers, counsel for Mr. Roosevelt, produced the Colonel's letter, and it put the negotiations in a somewhat different light. The Colonel bluntly told Quigg that he wanted it made clear that no effort had been made to exact pledges from him and that there had been no bargaining for the nomination.

Throughout most of the day Mr. Irvin sought to prove that Colonel Roosevelt was a tax dodger and that he was elected governor when he was ineligible to hold such office. As he has not lived continuously in the state five years previous to his election, as the Constitution provides. Both charges had been made before.

Mr. Irvin found it hard work to keep the witness in hand. Time and again, the Colonel, brushing aside all restraint and ignoring Mr. Irvin's objections, delivered exordiums to the jury on the duty of good citizenship and told how he had ridden roughshod over the bosses when they had tried to bend him to their purposes. The witness made his own rules for presenting evidence as he went along and after several mild tiffs with him Mr. Irvin sat down and allowed the witness to do largely as he pleased. Time and again the court-room was in laughter.

## ACTIVITY IN NORTH SEA

England Suspends All Communication With Holland

London, April 22.—Several signs of a new activity in the North Sea appeared today. It was announced that today on all steamship communication with Holland would be suspended. This, taken in connection with news from Berlin that British submarines have been in the Bight of Heligoland, where the German Admiralty claims to have sunk one, and perhaps more, is believed to foreshadow some important movement.

Word was also sent to foreign Consuls here that the Admiralty might close any of a certain number of ports without further warning than to approaching ships.

Reports from Copenhagen told of the presence of an Anglo-French fleet off the lower coast of Norway and persistent rumors that the German fleet had put to sea.

## SHELTER HOUSE BURNED

Building and Apparatus at Recreation Grounds Completely Destroyed

The shelter house at the recreation grounds with all of the apparatus used on the park during the summer were completely destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. It is not known how the fire originated. The property was insured for \$450 which will not cover the loss.

An alarm was rung in and two of the companies of the Bennington fire department were called out. The structure being entirely of wood was burned nearly to the ground before anything could be done to check the fire.

## FALL KILLS CIRCUS RIDER

Otto Kline Fractures Skull in Performance at Madison Square

New York, April 21.—Otto Kline, a trick rider, fell in the sight of hundreds of persons as he leaped from one side of the saddle to the other in his horse at today's performance of a circus in Madison Square Garden. He was picked up with a fractured skull and hurried to a hospital where he died.

## WILSON ADDRESS WINS NO FRIENDS IN GERMANY

Cynically Scored By Newspapers in Kaiser's Realm

OUR NEUTRALITY QUESTIONED

President's Offer to Assist in Adjustment at Close of War Meets With No Favor.

Berlin, April 23.—Commenting on the address of President Wilson at the luncheon of the Associated Press in New York on Tuesday, the Vossische Zeitung speaks as follows: "We could believe in the inclination of the United States after the war to play the role to which President Wilson refers, namely 'to prepare assistance for both belligerent parties,' if Americans during the war had acted in accordance with the principle of assistance to neither side. The purveyors of the arms and ammunition to adversaries, cannot, at a sudden, pretend to be the impartial friend of all belligerents in the negotiations at the conclusion of the war."

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says: "President Wilson is mightily mistaken if he imagines his sort of neutrality will be acknowledged and valued by the belligerents as fair play. It is impossible for Germany and her allies to esteem as a sign of self-control one-sided patronage by the continuation of a most extensive supply of arms, combined with humble endurance of all English oppression of neutral commerce. So far as Germany is concerned, President Wilson need not trouble about preparations after the war."

The Cologne Gazette says: "As a philosophical and academic thesis, President Wilson's views may have value, but in the light of the sanguinary experience through which Europe is passing they sound almost like mockery. At least in Germany this is the reception that will be given the promise that after the war America will lend her support to both belligerents, after supporting Great Britain and her allies during the war itself with cannon and rifles and this so effectively that public opinion in Germany is accustomed to see in America an ally of our enemies."

The ideas expressed by President Wilson and referred to in their comment by these German newspapers doubtless are found in the following paragraph: "Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not now sympathy with one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over."

## PERU TURNPIKE CONDEMNED

Selectmen of Peru and Winhall Assess Damage at \$13,926

Brattleboro, April 22.—News has reached here that the selectmen of the towns of Peru and Winhall have filed papers in the offices of the town clerks of these two towns condemning what is said to be the last toll road in New England. It is located in those two towns on the mountain road leading from Manchester to Peru and Winhall and is well known as the Peru turnpike.

The road is owned by the Peru Turnpike company of which John J. Flynn of Burlington is the principal stockholder. The selectmen assessed the damages in Winhall, where most of the road is situated, at \$11,640 and in Peru at \$2,286.

The turnpike company can appeal to the Bennington County court at the June term on the question of the necessity of condemnation and the amount of damages assessed.

## REMARKABLE PERFORMANCES BY TRAINED ANIMALS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Lukon's winter circus last evening opened a three-night's engagement at the opera house with an attendance far below the merits of the entertainment. Many of the "stunts" of the performing animals were not only decidedly original but were remarkable demonstrations of what can be accomplished with dumb beasts by thorough teaching.

The group of bears constituted the best feature of the program. The animals not only went through some of the usual acts of performing animals, but carried out such difficult feats as walking on a ball, skating on roller skates and giving an imitation of a drinking bout in which the bears apparently reached a state of joyful intoxication.

The bareback riding on the ponies by the dogs was another excellent entertainment and the trapeze work and the slack wire walking presented considerable that was new to Bennington people.